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Association Intelligence.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

There was a meeting of the Council, held at 429, Strand, W.C., on January 26th last.

Present:

Mr. E. B. Turner, London, Chairman of Representative Meetings, in the Chair, *afterwards*

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, LL.D., Taunton, Chairman of Council.

Sir T. Clifford Allbutt, K.C.B., F.R.S., President-elect.

Dr. Edwin Rayner, Stockport, Treasurer.

Dr. John Adams, Glasgow
Lieut.-Colonel Sir James Barr, M.D., LL.D., Liverpool
Dr. M. G. Biggs, London
Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Bolam, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Mr. H. B. Brackenbury, London
Dr. H. J. Campbell, Bradford
Major Russell Coombe, Netley
Dr. J. Singleton Darling, Lurgan
Major A. C. Farquharson, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Lieut. E. Rowland Fothergill, Hove
Major James Galloway, London
Mr. T. W. H. Garstang, Altrincham
Dr. J. J. Giusani, Cork
Dr. John Gordon, Aberdeen
Dr. Major Greenwood, London
Dr. J. R. Hamilton, Hawick
Mr. N. Bishop Harman, London
Dr. G. E. Haslip, London
Mr. R. J. Johnstone, Belfast
Captain F. Charles Larkin, Liverpool
Major Albert Lucas, Birmingham
Fleet Surgeon F. D. Lumley, R.N. (Royal Navy Medical Service)
Dr. H. C. Mactier, Wolverhampton
Captain J. E. Moorhouse, Stirling
Major George Parker, Bristol
Major F. J. Smith, London
Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, LL.D., Bath
Dr. O. R. M. Wood, Woolpit

Apologies.

Surgeon-General P. H. Benson, Mr. E. J. Domville, Dr. David Ewart, Dr. Adam Fulton, Dr. T. A. Goodfellow, Mr. James Green, Major T. Duncan Greenlees, Dr. W. Ainslie Hollis, Dr. J. Munro Moir, and Dr. W. Johnson Smyth were unavoidably prevented from attending.

Deaths.

The Chairman was requested to convey to the relatives of Professor A. H. White, of Dublin, and Dr. G. A. Heron, of London, former members of Council, expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

Resignation.

The Chairman reported the resignation of Captain Tennyson Smith, the Representative of the Kent, Surrey, and Sussex grouped Branches, of his membership of the Council and Organization Committee. The necessary steps have been taken to fill the vacancy. (See notice on page 22.)

Honours to Former Members of Council.

The Council offered its congratulations to Sir James Porter, K.C.B., who for some time represented the Royal Navy Medical Service on the Council, on being created K.C.M.G.; and to Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery-Smith on being mentioned in dispatches.

Appointment of Solicitor.

Mr. W. E. Hempson was reappointed Solicitor to the Association for a further period of one year as from April 1st, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The accounts for the quarter ending December 31st, 1915, amounting to £12,738 18s. 11d., were received and approved.

Grant to Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee.

A sum of £100 was voted to the Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee to assist in meeting the expenses it has incurred in its recruiting campaign for the Naval and Military Medical Services.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE.

The Journal Committee presented an important report on the alterations in the number of pages and in the quality of the paper of the Journal. The report first called attention to the effect of the new postal rates for newspapers by which the weight of a periodical which could pass through the post at the ½d. rate was reduced to 6 oz. Even the smaller journals produced since the outbreak of the war had exceeded this weight, and the additional postage would have amounted to £35 a week, or £1,800 a year. To have kept each copy of the Journal under the weight of 6 oz. while using the same paper, it would have been necessary to have still further reduced the size of the Journal by twenty pages, making it 68 pages, including both reading matter and advertisements. Having regard to the fact that each week from 40 to 44 pages of advertisements were received this would have left only 24 to 28 pages for literary matter, including the Supplement. It was decided that the literary pages could not be so diminished without seriously impairing the usefulness and prestige of the Journal. It was therefore decided that the weight of the paper must be reduced, and after sundry experiments a paper was secured which allowed of a Journal of the maximum size of 88 pages which would not exceed 6 oz. in weight, and would therefore be carried at the ½d. rate. This paper has been used since the first issue of November, and while its demerits are recognized it is believed that the best has been done in view of the uncertain conditions in the paper trade owing to the difficulties of procuring material, the diminished facilities for transport, and the steadily increasing shortage of labour. The price paid for paper since the war began, it was added, had steadily advanced, and although the primary reason for reducing the weight of the paper was the increase in the postal rates, had not this change been made the Association would have been faced with an increased expenditure of about £1,500 a year for paper. As the changed postal rates did not affect copies of the Journal sent outside the United Kingdom, the same make of paper was being used for both the home and foreign editions.

The report pointed out that the indexes to the Journal, Epitome, and Supplement, issued every half-year, usually occupied 64 pages. It had been decided, for convenience and economy, to publish the indexes

separately, and to intimate to members and subscribers that copies of the indexes could be obtained without charge on application.

The report also contained a reference to the decision, taken at the instance of the Central Medical War Committee, to refuse to accept any advertisements for vacant appointments which might assist in relegating to civil practice those who, in view of the national emergency, should be serving with the colours.

RESIGNATION OF MR. C. LOUIS TAYLOR, THE ASSISTANT EDITOR.

The Council, in accepting the resignation, on account of failing health, of Mr. C. Louis Taylor, the Assistant Editor, placed on record its deep appreciation of the valued services he had rendered to the Association and JOURNAL during the long period of thirty years.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Twenty-three candidates, whose names appeared on the notice convening the meeting, were duly elected members of the British Medical Association.

The remainder of the proceedings will be published next week.

Association Notices.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL, 1915–16.

NOTICE is hereby given that nominations for a candidate for election as a Member of Council by the Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (grouped) Branches for the year 1915–16, vice Dr. Tennyson Smith resigned, must be forwarded to reach the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, at the Office of the Association, not later than Saturday, February 19th. Each nomination must be on the prescribed form, copies of which will be furnished by the Financial Secretary and Business Manager upon application.

Separate forms have been prepared:

(A) For a nomination by a Division, and
(B) For a nomination by any three Members of a Branch respectively.

Those applying are requested to state for which purpose the form is desired.

An announcement of the Nominations received will be made in the JOURNAL of February 26th, 1916.

Elections will be by voting papers. These papers will contain the names of all duly nominated candidates, and will be issued from the Central Office on Saturday, February 26th, and will be returnable not later than Saturday, March 4th.

The result of the election will be published in the JOURNAL of March 11th, 1916.

By Order of the Council,
GUY ELLISTON,
Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

February 5th, 1916.

INSURANCE.

INQUIRIES BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS INTO CHARGES AGAINST PRACTITIONERS.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

WE have received from the National Health Insurance Commission (England), under cover of a letter from them dated the 1st February, their decision with regard to a case occurring in Nottingham and which was conveyed to the Clerk to the Nottingham Insurance Committee by a letter dated January 4th.

As the finding of the Commissioners appears to us to involve matter of some importance and general interest to the profession, we have deemed it well to reproduce the letter in full:

I.C. 93,606.

National Health Insurance Commission (England),
Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.,
4th January, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (England) to state that they have had under consideration the Report of the Inquiry Committee constituted under Part IV of the Medical Benefit Regulations to inquire into the representation made by the Nottingham Insurance Committee with respect to the continuance on the panel of Dr. H. E. Coghlan.

I am to inform you that on a full review of the facts stated, the Commissioners are not satisfied that the continuance of Dr. Coghlan on the panel would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the medical service of the insured, and they have decided, therefore, not to order his name to be removed from the panel. They have, however, arrived at this decision with considerable hesitation, and they desire to make it clear that in their opinion the Insurance Committee were justified in making the representation which they made to the Commissioners.

While, as stated above, the Commissioners are not of opinion that the facts set forth in the report are such as to warrant them to direct Dr. Coghlan's removal from the panel, they cannot but regard them as constituting a serious breach of the conditions upon which the Exchequer grant is made to the Committee, and they accordingly propose to withhold the sum of £50 (fifty pounds) from the grant which would otherwise be payable to the Committee in respect of the year 1915. As the Committee are aware, provision is made in Clause 13 (1) of their agreement with a practitioner to enable them to recover from him any sum which would otherwise have been payable to them towards the cost of providing medical benefit, and of which they have been deprived by his default.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) R. W. HARRIS.

The Clerk,
Nottingham Insurance Committee,
12, Victoria Street, Nottingham.

CERTIFICATES FOR CHRONIC INVALIDS.

IT appears from correspondence that reaches us from time to time that there is still a large number of approved societies that require members who are chronic invalids receiving disablement benefit to furnish a certificate signed by their panel doctor every week and the suggestion of the Commissioners when the new system of certification was introduced that societies might well accept certificates at longer intervals, say monthly, thus saving both patient and doctor a considerable amount of trouble, appears to have been very generally disregarded. The excuse given by secretaries of societies is that the certificate is a guarantee not only that the patient is still a chronic invalid but that he remains unable to do even light work, and further it shows that he is still living, and in this way prevents fraudulent relatives continuing to draw the disablement benefit after the patient's death, which has actually occurred in more than one case. Such cases, however, can only occur where society officials or sick visitors are extremely negligent, and the requirement of the weekly certificate in cases, for example, of severe hemiplegia or other permanent disabilities can only be explained as an attempt to put on the medical profession the policeman duties which the society itself ought to carry out. As the agreement signed by all panel practitioners at present stands, the panel doctor has no alternative but to give a weekly certificate if required by the society. Many of the best societies have found that they have lost nothing by agreeing to accept monthly certificates in these cases, but in spite of any suggestions of the Commissioners or representations by the British Medical Association it is to be regretted that many local society officials seem to take pleasure in making the lot of both doctors and their own members as irksome as possible. Such societies will find that in the long run they gain nothing by being inconsiderate and disobliging.

INSURANCE FINANCE INQUIRY.

SIR GERALD RYAN, general manager of the Phoenix Assurance Company, and past president of the Institute of Actuaries, is to act as chairman of the Treasury Committee on the Insurance Act, the appointment of which was announced last week. The Committee is instructed—

To consider and report upon any amendments in the financial scheme of the National Insurance Acts which experience of the administration of sickness, disablement, and maternity benefits may suggest as desirable, within the existing limits of contributions and benefits, and apart from further Exchequer grants, before the completion of any valuations of approved societies; and, further, to consider how far the work of approved societies could be simplified and its cost reduced, without detriment to the interests of insured persons, by amendment of the Acts and Regulations; and to make recommendations thereon.

Among the other members of the Committee are Sir Alfred W. Watson, chief actuary of the Insurance Joint Committee; Mr. Ernest Woods, president of the Institute of Actuaries; members of the Insurance Commissions of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland; Mr. H. N. Bunbury,

C.B., of the Treasury; and twelve representatives of approved societies and trade unions, including two women.

It will be observed that the reference to the Committee does not include medical or sanatorium benefit, and we are informed that this omission is deliberate, the terms of reference being carefully framed to exclude altogether matters comprised within the terms and conditions of medical service under the Insurance Acts.

THE WORK OF PANEL PRACTITIONERS.

THE Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, would be glad to have from panel practitioners a note as to their work in 1915 stating:

Number of insured persons on his list.
,, of patients seen.
,, of visits.
,, of surgery attendances.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

COUNTY OF SURREY.

AT a meeting of the Panel Committee on December 17th, 1915, a letter was read from the Insurance Committee, stating that it had decided to pay practitioners during 1916 quarterly instead of monthly. It was considered that it would have been more courteous if the Insurance Committee had consulted the Panel Committee before making this change, and it was decided to ask the Insurance Committee to reconsider its decision to make quarterly payments in cases in which the practitioner requested to be paid monthly, and, if it still adhered to the quarterly payments during 1916, to make an advance to practitioners in the middle of each quarter, instead of waiting till the end of the quarter.

The Honorary Secretary was also instructed to ask the Clerk of the Insurance Committee to obviate the delay in issuing medical cards to insured persons.

The Insurance Committee has furnished a list of insured persons on the panel of medical practitioners absent on military duty who do not wish to be attended by their deputies. It was decided to ask the practitioners desired by these persons if they would act as deputy for the absent practitioner without having the insured persons transferred to their lists.

LIVERPOOL.

AT a meeting of the Panel Committee on December 21st, nine of the mixtures in the revised formulary were selected as stock mixtures, and the Honorary Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Pharmaceutical Committee whether these particular mixtures were capable of being stocked in bulk without deterioration.

At a meeting of the Committee on January 18th, the draft standing orders of Panel Committees as drawn up by the Commissioners were adopted with the modification that a Treasurer be appointed.

BIRMINGHAM.

AT a meeting of the Panel Committee on January 4th authority was given to pay the expenses of members out of the Statutory Grant of the Medical Benefit Fund.

One practitioner from each ward was appointed to obtain information as to whether more doctors could be spared for war service.

COUNTY OF FORFAR.

AT a meeting of the Local Medical Committee held on December 8th it was decided to protest against any attempt which may be made by the Parliamentary Retrenchment Committee to abolish the Scottish Insurance Commission should such action be necessary.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee held on the same day it was agreed to make arrangements whereby the services of a medical referee could be obtained by the Forfar Factory Workers' Union on the understanding that the referee or referees to be appointed were practitioners resident outwith the Burgh of Forfar, and that the rate of remuneration was 10s. 6d. per examination. A letter from the Secretary, Panel Medico-Political Union, relative to the payment of the balance of the fees due to practitioners for the year 1914, was allowed to lie on the table.

RENFREW COUNTY.

THE Executive Committee of the Panel Committee has examined all prescriptions criticized in the June report, and has not considered it necessary to make any inquiry of the practitioners concerned. A letter from the Panel Medico-Political Union, inviting the Committee to accept the assistance of the Union with regard to a final settlement for 1914, has been allowed to lie on the table.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty: Deputy Surgeon-Generals G. A. Dreaper to the *Tamar*, additional, for Hong Kong Hospital; V. G. Thorpe and W. W. Pryor to the *Vivid*, additional, for Plymouth Hospital; A. G. Wildey to the *Cormorant*, additional, for Gibraltar Hospital; W. G. Axford to the *Victory*, additional, for Haslar Hospital. Fleet Surgeons R. T. Gilmour is placed on the retired list; P. H. Boydon, M.D., to the *President*, additional; A. J. Pickthorn (retired) to the *Leander*, vice Nicholls; G. Ley to the *Pembroke*, additional. Staff Surgeons S. H. Vickery, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal; R. H. McGiffin, M.B., to the *Diana;* J. A. Thompson, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional. Temporary Surgeons R. T. Bailey, H. S. Brown, H. Ellis, and H. F. McNally, M.B., to Plymouth Hospital; D. M. P. Whitcombe, M.B., S. P. Mort, K. H. McMillan, M.B., W. H. Edmunds, and G. F. V. Anson, to Haslar Hospital; A. C. McAllister, M.B., to Chatham Hospital; J. Bostock, M.B., to the *Vivid*, additional. To be temporary Surgeons: P. C Woolatt, I. H. Lloyd, C. Y. Eccles, C. E. Kindersley, H. S. Sington F. C. Cassidi, M.B., G. F. V. Anson, H. F. McNally, M.B., A. O. Courtis.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon D. J. Williamson, to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel E. H. L. Lynden-Bell, C.B., is retained on the Active List under the provisions of Articles 120 and 522, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, and to be supernumerary (substituted for notification published in the *London Gazette* of December 17th, 1915).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Majors to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonels whilst in command of field ambulances: R. F. M. Fawcett, M. G. Winder, F. P. Lauder, W. J. S. Harvey, A. E. B. Wood, M.B., T. F. Ritchie, M.B., A. F. Carlyon, D. Ahern, S. E. Lewis, M.B., C. R. L. Ronayne, M.B., J. W. Jennings, D.S.O. (retired), C. Bramhall, temporary Major E. L. Gowlland, M.B., J. E. Powell, D. P. Watson, M.B., B. H. V. Dunbar, M.D., M. G. Beatty, M.B., A. A. Meaden, Surgeon-Major W. S. Henderson, King Edward's Horse, King's Overseas Dominions Regiment, W. Wiley, M.B., A. B. Hinde (Reserve of Officers), temporary Major E. B. Pooley, temporary Major A. N. Walker, M.B., H. B. Kelly, M.B., H. A. Davidson, M.B., J. H. Brunskill, M.B., A. C. Osburn, A. R. C. Parsons, R. Storrs, H. E. J. A. Howley, A. S. Arthur, M.B.

Captains to be temporary Majors whilst in command of field ambulances: P. Sampson, D.S.O., E. M. O'Neill, M.B.

C. H. Milburn, M.B., to be temporary Honorary Major whilst serving with No. 2 British Red Cross Hospital.

To be temporary Captains: Temporary honorary Captain B. C. Mayberry, M.B., F.R.C.S., W. E. James, H. B. German (late Surgeon, R.N.), H. D. Gillies, F.R.C.S.

Temporary Captain R. S. Berry relinquishes his commission.

The following relinquish their temporary honorary commissions on ceasing to serve with the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital: Captain F. W. Goyder, M.B., F.R.C.S.; Lieutenants W. R. Mason, M.D., H. de L. Crawford, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., A. C. McAlister.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: L. P. Costobadie, J. Hanson, M.B., W. E. Adam, M.D., F. Paine, M.D., D. H. Paul, M.D., R. H. Fletcher, J. I. O'Sullivan, M.B.

To be temporary Lieutenants: H. W. Evans, A. C. Wilson, M.D., H. G. R. Jamieson, M.B., W. Hughes, M.B., R. L. Blenkhorn, M.D., H. W. Parrott, M.B., H. C. T. Langdon, M.B., W. D. Kennedy, M.B., R. W. L. Fernandes, M.D., A. S. L. Malcolm, R. A. R. Green, M.B., P. A. Reckless, F.R.C.S., C. G. Sherowitz, M.B., G. J. Jones, M.B., A. Hendry, M.D., S. J. C. Fraser, M.D., T. Winning, M.B., C. E. Molino, D. Burns, I. Feldman, E. R. Hart, S. A. W. Munro, M.B., F. D. Crew, M.B., D. H. Hall, M.B., J. J. O'Neill, M.B., G. F. Palmer, M.D., L. W. Oliver, W. Stevenson, M.B., D. Lees, M.B., G. P. White, M.B., A. L. Singer, M.B., I. J. Balkin, M.B., R. M. Rowe, M.D., F.R.C.S., W. Brownlie, M.B., R. Johnson, M.D., J. A. Robinson, T. Dowzer, F.R.C.S.I., E. G. Pringle, M.D., J. Potter, A. M. Pilcher.

Temporary Lieutenant D. J. Miller, M.D., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

Temporary Lieutenants C. R. Lucas and D. J. McAdam, M.B., relinquish their commissions.

The name of temporary Lieutenant Archibald Stodart-Walker is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of October 1st, 1915.

Lieutenants of the Canadian A.M.C. to be temporary Lieutenants: G. O. Scott, C. M. Scott.

Temporary Lieutenant V. J. Lawless is dismissed the service by sentence of general court-martial.

To be honorary Lieutenants whilst serving with the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital: S. A. Henry, M.D., C. E. S. Jackson, M.B., F.R.C.S., W. Wilson, M.B.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel H. Hendley, M.D., is appointed an Honorary Surgeon to the King, vice Surgeon-General Sir L. D. Spencer, K.C.B., M.D., deceased.

Captains to be Majors: H. B. Drake, E. C. Hodgson, W. S. McGillivray, M.D., W. Gillitt, M.D., C. H. Barber, M.B., W. Tarr, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., I. D. Jones, M.D., W. T. Finlayson, H. E. Stanger-Leathes, M. J. Quirke, M.B., J. M. Holmes, M.B., M. F. White, M.B.

The promotion to his present rank of Major J. B. Christian is antedated from June 27th, 1913, to December 27th, 1912.

The following Lieutenant-Colonels are permitted to retire with effect from the dates mentioned: L. F. Childe, M.D. (November 18th, 1915), G. S. Thomson, M.B. (November 23rd, 1915), W. B. Clark, M.B. (December 18th, 1915).

OVERSEA CONTINGENTS.

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major J. MacCrae to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel. Captain E. L. Stone to be temporary Major. V. L. Goodwill to be temporary Major. To be temporary Captains: H. K. Neilson, A. J. Fisher, M.D., F. B. McIntosh, M.D., G. L. D. Kennedy, A. B. Wilkes, G. R. Baby, R. D. Wilson, P. P. Hartt, J. K. Matheson, M.D.

ROYAL MALTA ARTILLERY.

Surgeon-Major A. E. Mifsud is retained on the active list under the provisions of Articles 120 and 522 Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, January 10th, 1916.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain R. Magill, M.B., to be temporary Major whilst in command of a Field Ambulance.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Highland Field Ambulance.—A. J. McIvor, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

Highland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant (temporary Captain) A. F. Lee, M.D., to be Captain.

Northumbrian Field Ambulance.—Lieutenants to be Captains: F. J. B. Robson, M.B., C. G. Strachan, M.B.

East Lancashire Field Ambulance.—To be Lieutenants: J. Young, M.B., J. R. Jagger, M.B.

West Lancashire Casualty Clearing Station.—Lieutenant T. Aspinall, from Attached to Units other than Medical Units, to be Lieutenant.

Northern General Hospital.—Lieutenants to be Captains: W. Johnson, M.B., G. F. Stones, M.B.

London (City of London) Sanitary Company.—Captain C. C. Frye is seconded for duty under the Ministry of Munitions.

London Field Ambulance.—Lieutenants to be Captains: T. A. Townsend, R. T. Caesar.

South-Eastern Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant W. Tresawna, M.B., to be Captain.

Southern General Hospital.—Lieutenants to be Captains: H. C. H. Bracey, M.B., A. F. Thomson.

Wessex Field Ambulance.—Major A. W. F. Sayres to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—A. F. Lee, M.D., from Highland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, to be Captain. Lieutenants to be Captains: J. McGregor, T. P. Caverhill, M.B., T. W. Cole, M.B. To be Lieutenant: J. A. Hartley, M.D.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain (temporary Major) J. E. W. McFall, M.D., from West Lancashire Field Ambulance, to be Captain (substituted for announcement published in the *London Gazette* of October 9th, 1915).

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

The following changes are notified by the Colonial Office:

WEST AFRICAN MEDICAL STAFF.

Transfers and Promotions.—T. E. Rice, L.S.A.Lond., D.P.H.Irel., P.M.O. Sierra Leone, to be P.M.O. Gold Coast. E. H. Tweedy, L.R.C.S.and P.Irel., Deputy P.M.O. Gold Coast, to be P.M.O. Sierra Leone. C. F. Watson, M.R.C.S, L.R.C.P., D.P.H.Irel., Provincial M.O. Nigeria (Northern Provinces), to be Deputy P.M.O. Gold Coast. G. B. Norman, M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.O. Nigeria (Northern Provinces), to be Senior M.O. R. H. Miller, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.V.S.Edin., M.O. Gambia, has been seconded for service as M.O. in Somaliland.

Retirements.—F. G. Hopkins, M.D., B.Ch.Dubl., P.M.O. Gold Coast, retired on pension. C. R. Patton, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., M.O. Gold Coast, retired with a gratuity.

Return to Staff.—D. T. Birt, M.B., B.S.Durh., has returned to the Staff from temporary employment as Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. M. B. Hay, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.Lond., and J. C. Watt, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., have returned to the Staff from temporary employment as Surgeons R.N. W. A. Trumper, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and J. Lindsay, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., who were taken prisoners by the Germans at Garua, Northern Cameroons, on August 29th, 1914, were released by a British force on January 8th.

OTHER COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES.

N. P. Jewell, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Dubl., lately Assistant M.O. Seychelles, to be M.O. East Africa Protectorate. A. L. Murison, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be District M.O. Cyprus. Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Whitwell, M.B., M.Ch.Edin., B.Sc.(Publ.Health)Edin., I.M.S. (ret.), to be District M.O. Cyprus.

Vacancies and Appointments.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD: BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £170.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physicians. (2) House-Surgeons. Salary, £120 per annum in each case.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150, and additional 21s. weekly when working single-handed.

ENDSLEIGH PALACE HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Terms, £1 1s. per day.

KIRKWALL: PARISH OF EDAY.—Medical Officer.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130.

LISCARD: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £160 per annum.

MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, and £5 bonus per month during the war.

MANCHESTER: NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Cheetham Hill Road.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Euston Road, N.W.—Female Senior Clinical Assistants in out-patient department.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Carshalton.—Temporary Assistant Medical Officers. Salary, £7 7s. per week.

SUNDERLAND ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—Resident House-Surgeon.

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

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APPOINTMENTS.

ATAL, M. M. L., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer to the Bethnal Green Parish Infirmary.

BARROW, G. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Anaesthetist to the Manchester Ear Hospital.

BURNET, J., M.D Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Edinburgh South District.

CANDY, G. S., M.B., B.S.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Dorking Union.

CARRUTHERS, G. J. R., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Edinburgh North District.

COUPLAND, Wm. H., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Medical Superintendent of the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster, vice A. R. Douglas, deceased.

FENTEM, T., M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Bakewell Union.

GRICE, J. R., M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., District Medical Officer of the Llandilofawr Union.

HANAFIN, D. J., L.R.C.P. and S.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Clonaslee District, Queen's County.

HEBBLETHWAITE, S. M., M.D.Lond., M.R.C.P., Honorary Physician to Cheltenham General Hospital.

HOLMES, A. M., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Basford Union.

JACKSON, G. S., M.D.Glasg., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Alnwick Union.

MURPHY, H. A., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Preston Union.

REES-THOMAS, W. H., M.D.Brux., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Basingstoke Union.

TAYLOR, William, M.B.Dub., F.R.C.S.I., Consulting Surgeon to the Coombe Maternity Hospital, Dublin, vice F. T. Heuston, F.R.C.S.I., deceased.

THOMSON, G., M.B., C.M.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Basford Union.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

SCHOLEFIELD.—On January 28th, 1916, at 1, Patience Lane, Altofts, Yorkshire, the wife of H. Scholefield, M.B., Ch.B., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

RAGG—TATE.—On August 12th, 1915, at the Parish Church, Kingston, Jamaica, by the Rev. R. J. Ripley, rector, Philip M. Ragg, M.B., C.M., son of the late Rev. Thomas Ragg, vicar of Lawley, Shropshire, England, to Ella Lascelles, daughter of the late Lawrence Tate, of Shaftston, Bluefields, Jamaica.

DEATH.

CHEESEWRIGHT.—At 5, The Square, Buxton, on January 21st, John Francis Cheesewright, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., late of Rawmarsh, near Rotherham.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W., 9 p.m.—First Lettsomian Lecture: The Effects of High Explosives on the Central Nervous System, by Major F. W. Mott, M.D.Lond., F.R.S.

WEDNESDAY.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, 1, Wimpole Street, W., 9 p.m.—Annual Oration by Dr. A. S. Currie: The Spirit and Inspiration of William and John Hunter.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE, Royal Albert Dock, E.

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